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SIPAT NTPC PROJECT
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh E.I.A. study has been conducted on changing the 660 MW turbineundertaken in the Sipat NTPC project in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the final environmental approval has been accorded to this project; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study was conducted for SipatProject of NTPC in Chhattisgarh for a capacity of 2000 MW. Subsequently, the earlier unit configuration was changed from 4x500 MW to 3x660 MW units with installedcapacity 1980 MW which is within earlier stipulated 2000 MW.Therefore, there was no requirement for a fresh EIA study. However, impact assessment due to change in unit configuration from 4x500 MW to 3x660 MW was computed and presented to Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOE&F).

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : The conditions stipulated in the clearance from MOE&F relates, inter-alia,to use of coal from Dipka mines, air quality monitoring near Sonthipahar, provision for retrofitting of Flue Gas De Sulphuriser if required, no removal of earth from ash dykearea for construction activity etc.